

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
9:00 AM PST

- **Day 1 (Tue):** Strong, gusty winds will produce a threat of tree/property damage. Rain and snow will move into the state beginning today, bringing significant travel impacts.

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**11/26/19 - 12/02/19**

## **Tuesday-Friday**

- High surf is expected along the coast, and there is the potential for minor coastal flooding Monday through Wednesday
- A large and cold storm system will move through the state Tuesday through Friday, bringing widespread precipitation and gusty winds
  - Holiday travel will be significantly impacted, including heavy accumulating snow at most mountain passes
    - The most significant impacts will be Tuesday night into Wednesday across the northern Sierra and other mountains across northern California, and Wednesday into Thursday across the southern Sierra and southern mountains
    - Snow levels across the state generally expected to be 1500-2500 feet, though shorter periods of snow levels below 1000 feet are possible in the northern half of the state
    - Interstate 5 near Grapevine will be one of the areas impacted by accumulating snow Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning
  - Brief heavy rain could lead to flash flooding and burn scar impact concerns, though impacts are not currently expected to be widespread
  - Cold temperatures are expected with this storm, especially Wednesday night through Saturday, including the possibility of freezing temperatures in Coastal Region
  - Strong, gusty winds could lead to travel impacts and tree/property damage, especially Tuesday and Wednesday

## **Saturday-Monday**

- The storm will exit the state to the east, but the next storm may move into California late Saturday through Monday



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

11/26/19 - 12/02/19

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	All	All	Southern	Southern	Coastal/ Inland	Coastal/ Inland	
<b>Snow</b>	Coastal/ Inland (abv 2500')	All (abv 1500')	Inland/ Southern (abv 1500')	Inland/ Southern (Mtns)	Coastal (Mtns)	Coastal/ Inland (Mtns)	Coastal/ Inland (Mtns)
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>	Coastal/ Southern	Southern					
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	Coastal	All	Inland/ Southern				
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>		All	Inland/ Southern				
<b>Cold</b>			All	All	All		



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



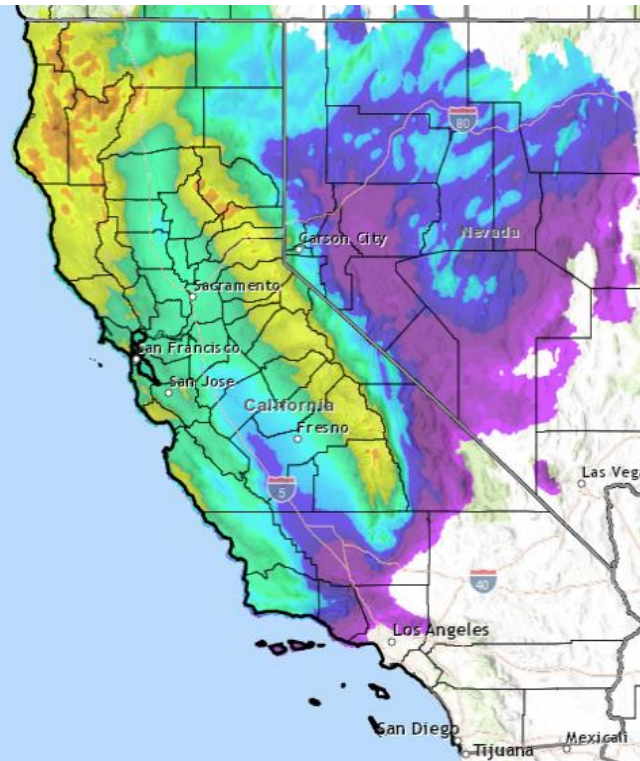
Moderate Impacts



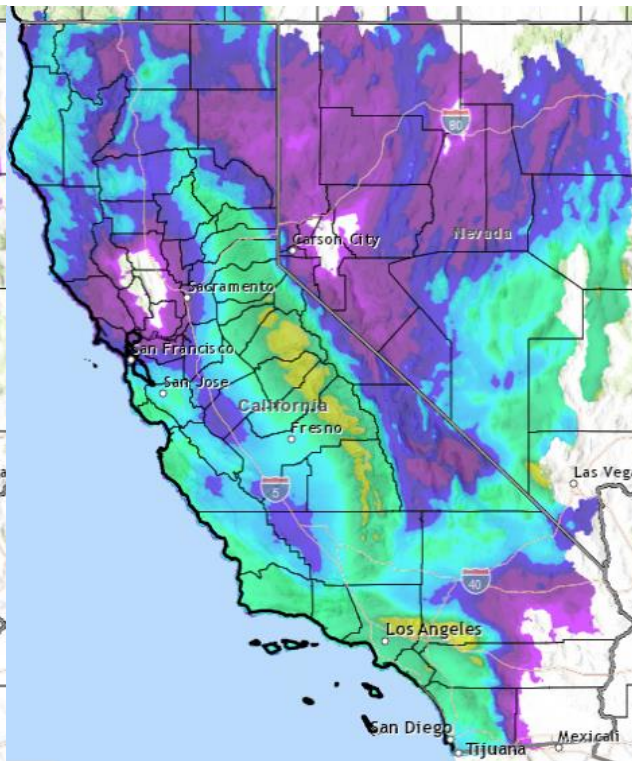
Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

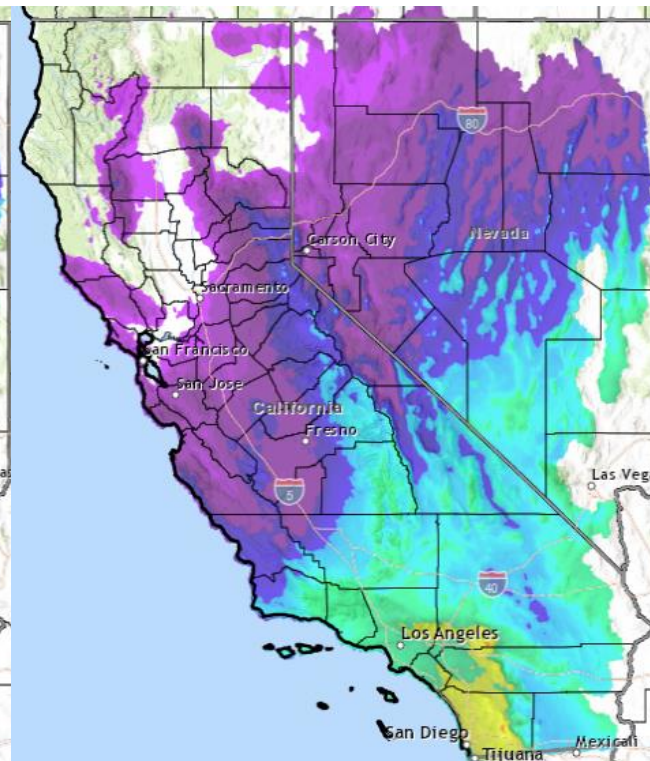
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Tuesday/  
Tuesday Night



Wednesday/  
Wednesday Night



Thursday/  
Thursday Night

Precipitation (inches)





## BURN SCAR THREAT

The biggest threat for a debris flow with this event currently looks to be at the Kincade Fire burn area, where there is a Flash Flood Watch Tuesday afternoon through Tuesday evening.

In general, there is only a minor threat of debris flows in most locations Tuesday through Thursday. Precipitation rates are not generally expected to meet or exceed most debris flow thresholds, but isolated debris flows cannot be ruled out due to isolated stronger thunderstorms, especially across Southern Region.

**Flash Flood Watch**  
Tuesday 2 PM through Tuesday 10 PM

**Kincade Fire Burn Area in Northern Sonoma County**

**Rainfall Rates**  
0.5 to 0.75 inches per hour this evening when the heaviest rainfall is expected.

**Impacts**  
Heavy rainfall may lead to rockslide, debris flows, and flash flooding in recent burn areas and locations downstream of the burn scar

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS FLOODED ROADWAYS!!**

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The alert includes a map showing the Kincade Fire Area in green, with labels for Geyserville, Colistoga, Santa Rosa, and Yountville. It also identifies Lake County, Napa County, and Sonoma County. A yellow diamond warning sign reads 'WHEN FLOODED TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN'. The National Weather Service logo is in the top left, and NOAA and NWS logos are in the bottom left.



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**12/02/19 - 12/10/19**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (December 2– December 6)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures favored, especially in Coastal and Inland Regions

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation favored statewide

## **8-14 Day Outlook (December 4 – December 10)**

### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures slightly favored

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation favored



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